O2 newsletter
Summer 1995

OUT&Out- An Outdoor and Recreation Group for Edmonton's Gays, Lesbians & Bisexuals, and their friends.

O2 STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Out and Out Summer Planning meeting took place at the end of May. Memberships were sold to all in attendance and O2 now has 40 official members. It was decided by the members that O2 that would continue with the quarterly planning meetings. Most members felt that it would be of value since it's the only opportunity to gather together and generate ideas.

We still have a great deal of work ahead of us in continuing to establish O2 as an officially registered organization. For example, in order to open a bank account, O2 needs to be registered as a non-profit organization. As you can see, the simple task of opening a bank account is quite involved. Any assistance with any of the tasks is greatly appreciated.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!
SEE YOU AT PRIDE WEEK!

O2 Fall Meeting

Wednesday, August 30, 1995
7:30 - 8:30 pm,
South Annex Meeting Room,
City Hall

O2 Fall Newsletter

(September through December)
ACTIVITY SUBMISSIONS, PHOTOS and ARTICLES are due by August 30 in the O2 GLCC mailbox, O2 e-mail or at the O2 meeting.

JASPER CAMPING TRIP

Friday, May 19 came quickly and along with it the sun after a week of clouds. We took it as a sign, packed up our things and gaily pointed our cars toward Jasper. The spirit of cooperation, which became a theme of the weekend, started early as every available corner of every available vehicle was packed full of stuff. Obviously this was to be no ordinary camping trip: just because we were roughing it did not mean that we would be caught eating pork and beans nor wearing an inappropriate frock!

The group arrived in stages, some as early as 7 pm to stake out a corner of Marmot Meadows, some in the wee hours of the morning, but the majority were set up and sipping cocktails around the fire by 11 pm. The mood was slightly subdued and no amount of coaxing on the part of Marcel could coax the group to join in a round of "Little Bunny Foo-Foo". Others looked slightly nauseated as a duet of evangelical escapees reminisced with their version of several religious numbers. Perhaps the group was saving it all for Saturday.

Saturday morning I awoke with a groan as I heard that unmistakable sound of raindrops on canvass - not one of my favourite things. As we pulled ourselves out of our sleeping bags, the rain turned a paler shade which caused us to wonder exactly which month it was. I wasn't told that we were going to be winter camping! The response to this apparent set-back, however, was one of the highlights of the weekend. I saw first hand what community is about. While part of the group worked feverishly at preparing breakfast, the other part were scaling trees with tarps and ropes, searching their brains to remember the knots they had learned in Boy Scouts (or was that macrame

The Jasper Camping Crew

Jasper Camping Trip

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class?). In no time we were all eating our breakfasts under our various shelters, wondering what the hell we were going to do with the rest of our day - it being only 9 am at this point. The general consensus was a trip into Jasper and a visit to the Rec Centre, making this day more of an Out and In experience. Attempts at synchronized swimming, pool games by Ron and an amazing hot tub (hey guys, I can feel my toes again) made a potential disaster of a day into many belly laughs and an opportunity to see Mike in Speedos - (were those really boys' size 12?)

After the pool it was back to the campsite and time to whip up a thing or two for our group potluck - or should I say, a banquet of kings (and queens, of course). Sweat stained the brows of some, blood was let, tears of joy were shed and the result was amazing. We had wine, we had fajitas, we had stir-fry, we had casseroles, we had wine, we had . . . I can't go on; your drool will drip onto the page and cause the ink to run. Suffice to say, our meal was gourmet. And, oh yeah, the sky cleared. The feast was followed by the traditional campfire where various numbers were presented and many drinks were imbibed (eh, Paul), followed by a mean game of Scrabble and a general sing-along. The night was chilly, so everyone was forced to huddle closer together, and we all got to know each other better - some perhaps more than others.

The Jasper Camping Crew

Weather wise, Sunday was as perfect as Saturday was not. The sky was clear and the mountains were beautiful! The best was brought out in each of us - even Cory was seen hauling water. The day was filled with various activities with the majority of us taking a hike up The Old Fort Point. The view was spectacular and even the odd falling rock on the head could not dampen our spirits. The evening was again filled with amazing meals and a campfire which, can you imagine, inspired a show. The girls may not have been beautiful but their commitment to entertain more than made up for it.

Monday morning was filled with breaking camp and group pictures. It was decided that a trip to the Miette Hot Springs would be a suitable end to this amazing weekend. Following this, we had a quick lunch and then it was back to normal life in the city.

It is difficult to sum up a weekend such as we experienced in a paragraph, To say it was fun would be true, but an understatement; empowering would also be accurate, if trite. I guess the most overwhelming feeling that I brought away with me from Jasper was that of camaraderie: I cared about people I had never even met seventy-two hours previous. My experience as a gay person in Edmonton has become more resonant.. Events such as this camping trip become more than they are bound to be with twenty-odd similarly minded people together for a weekend, they become important in my continuing process of discovering where I fit into the world as a gay person.

JERRY TOEWS

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FRIENDS for PHAIR seeks volunteers to help with Michael's reelection bid. Call 944 5201 or e-mail at andrew schuster@ maugham.atc.edm.ab.ca.

THE PRESENCE OF ABSENCE, the AIDS Quilt exhibit during the WORKS Festival June 26 to July 5, requires volunteers. Contact Kevin or June at The AIDS Network.

THE GAY/LESBIAN/BISEXUAL YOUTH GROUP OF EDMONTON (formerly Pink Triangle Youth) is seeking volunteers for the position of Team Leader and group Facilitators and is also accepting submissions for a new logo and name. Contact the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth Group Working Committee at #201, 11456 Jasper Ave or call Greg in regards to the volunteer positions at 488 5742. Submission Deadline is June 20/95.

GREAT ALBERTA CAMPOUT 1995 - Friday, Sept. 1 to Monday Sept. 4 - Located near Red Deer, this Campout is a blast! You must Preregister before July 1, 1995; be sure to register early! Call Jeff or Darren for a registration brochure.

GAY RODEO - July long weekend Call GLCCE (488 - 3234) for details on the largest Gay event in Alberta.

O^2'S MISSION

O^2's mission is to provide a variety of opportunities for people of all sexual orientations to enjoy outdoor and recreational activities together in the hopes of building a stronger community.

HOW O^2 WORKS

O^2 is a member run group in which members volunteer to organize events for their fellow members to participate in and enjoy. All activities are self funded and many are free. An events planning meeting is currently held quarterly. All events are currently publicized in the O^2 newsletter. To participate in an O^2 activity, one must be an O^2 member and sign a liability waiver.

O^2 MEMBERSHIPS

O^2 memberships are available for $5 per calendar year. Members may participate in O^2 events and receive the newsletter by mail to their home. The membership fee is the only source of funding for O^2. Memberships are available through steering community members and at O^2 events.

INFORMATION ABOUT O^2

O^2 NEWSLETTER

The O^2's newsletter is published quarterly and is currently available at no charge, thanks to the generous donations of some of our members, throughout a number of locations in Edmonton (see page 6 for locations). Members receive their newsletters by mail. The newsletter contains a listing of all of the O^2 activities as well as a variety of other community events.

CONTACT O^2

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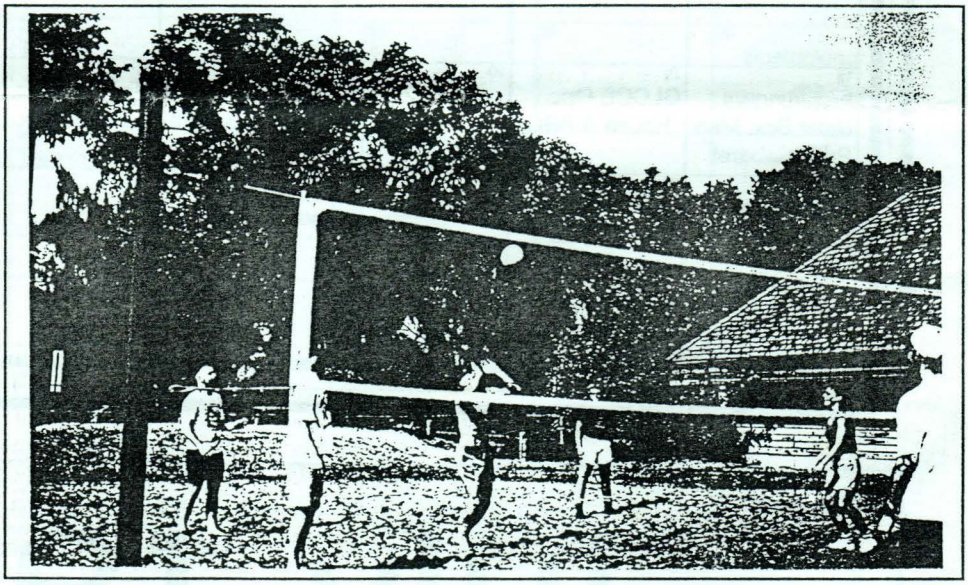

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

O^2 SUPPORTS PRIDE WEEK 95.

Call 988 4018 for more information on Pride '95 events

FRIDAY June 16
7:30 pm Pride Awards Presentation & Queer sightings Film Festival: *Our Lives*
Centennial Library Theatre

SATURDAY June 17
1:00 pm Wet, Wild & Sassy : Safer Sex for Lesbian and Bisexual Women
AIDS Network of Edmonton
8:00 pm Womonspace/GLCCE Mixed Dance
Bonnie Doon Hall

SATURDAY June 17
8:00 pm Pride Cabaret
Catalyst Theatre

SUNDAY June 18
12:30 pm Celebrating Safer Sex for Gay/Bisexual Men
AIDS Network of Edmonton
8:00 pm Pride Cabaret
Catalyst Theatre

MONDAY June 19
1:00 - 10:00pm Open House and Archives Display
GLCCE
1:00 - 10:00pm BBQ fund raiser for the GLCCE library
Hull's Foods- Oliver

WEDNESDAY June 21
6:00 pm Liatris Tour of Devonian Gardens
8:00 pm Boystown Cabaret: benefit for GLCCE

THURSDAY June 22
8:30 - 11:30pm Midsummer's Night A-Phair : Campaign fund raiser for Michael Phair
The Roost - $10 donation

FRIDAY June 23
12:30 pm Queer Sightings Film Festival :*Our Art*

SATURDAY June 24
12:30 pm Pride Parade
Gazebo Park
P-Flag picnic to follow
Queen E. Park
8:00 pm EVM Concert
Convocation Hall
8:00 pm Black Solstice
Catalyst Theatre

June 1995

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 Pride Awards QueerSightings Film Festival	17 Womyn:Dance, Safer Sex Pride Cabaret
18 Frontrunners Safer Sex: Men Pride Cabaret	19 GLCCE Open House & BBQ	20	21 Liatris Tour GLCCE Benefit at Boystown	22 Michael Phair Fundraiser	23 QueerSightings Film Festival	24 Rally & Parade EVM Concert Black Solstice
25 Frontrunners Liatris Lily Tour	26 Rollerblading	27	28	29	30	

July 1995

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1 Gay Rodeo >>>>>>>
2 Frontrunners >>>>>>>>>>>	3 >>>>>>>>>>>	4 Tennis	5	6 Liatris Wagner Walk	7	8 Bakery Bike Tour
9 Frontrunners	10 Rollerblading	11 Mountain Biking Tennis	12 River Valley Walk	13 Movie: "A Man of No Importance"	14	15 Orienteering (July 15-17)
16 Frontrunners Beach Volleyball	17 Liatris Parkland Perennial Tour	18 Tennis	19 River Valley Walk Orienteering	20	21	22 Kananaskis Camping >>> Orienteering>>
23 Frontrunners >>>>>>>>>> >>>>>>>>>>	24 Movie: "Priest" Rollerblading	25 Tennis	26 River Valley Walk	27	28	29
30 Frontrunners "Family" Picnic	31 Movie: "Festival of Animation"					

August 1995

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6 Frontrunners >>>>>>>>>>>>	7 Happy Holiday! >>>>>>>>>>>>	8 Mountain Biking Tennis	9 River Walk	10	11	12
13 Frontrunners	14 Rollerblading	15 Tennis	16 River Walk	17	18	19 Hike/Mountain Bike
20 Frontrunners Beach Volleyball	21	22 Tennis	23 River Walk	24	25	26 Spelunking >>>>>>>
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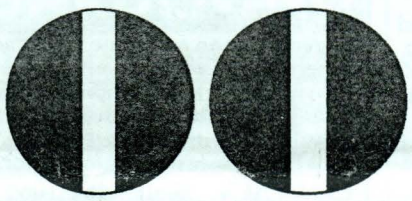

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APART FROM FRONTRUNNERS, AND THE GREAT ALBERTA CAMPOUT, WE DID NOT RECEIVE ANY SUBMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER. HENCE WE DO NOT YET HAVE A SEPTMEBER CALENDAR.

The Official O2 Activity Rating System

O- Easy/Beginner

OO - Intermediate

OOO - Challenging

OOOO - Advanced/Expert

BOOK LOVERS

Any thoughts for next time?

CYCLING MTN BIKING

O2 OFF-ROAD MOUNTAIN BIKING WITH DARREN

Tuesday, July 11, 6:30 pm
Tuesday August 8, 6:30 pm

Do you feel a little adventurous? Why don't you meet Darren for some mid-week excitement? Meet at the statue in Emily Murphy Park and then mountain bike both on and off road throughout the river valley. The return trip should take between 2 to 3 hours. Don't forget your helmet and maybe a bike light if you will be riding home afterwards (as opposed to taking an ambulance to the hospital!).

CONTACT : Darren - 489 - 1339
RATING : **"OOO"**

Pick up your copy of the O2 *newsletter* at:

Boystown — *AIDS Network*
G.L.C.C.E. — *The Front Page*
Jazzberry's — *Orlando Books*
The Bagel Tree Cafe

CYCLING MTN BIKING

O2 BAKERY BIKE TOUR

Saturday, July 8, 1 - 4:30 pm

Put extra air in those bike tires because after visiting a number of local bakeries, and sampling their wares, you might need something to help keep you afloat! Meet other O2ers at Gazebo Park in Old Strathcona. From there, we will begin a cycle tour of various bakeries throughout the city. Don't forget your helmet and your Visa or various bills in large denominations. This will be a relatively easy ride with only a couple of significant hills.

CONTACT : Gil - 465 - 1068
Darren - 489 - 1339
COST : what you eat
RATING : Open to all.

O2 MOUNTAIN BIKE-HIKE AT BLACKFOOT PROVINCIAL PARK

Saturday, August 19, 1:00 pm to dusk

Join Darren for an Active Saturday hike or Mountain Biking at the Blackfoot Provincial Park, bordering on Elk Island National Park. Meet Darren at 1:00 pm at the Abbotsfield McDonald's, 3004 - 118 Avenue, with your car & bike in tow, if you'll be biking . We'll spend the day in the wilderness and then enjoy a picnic supper and a possible bonfire later in the evening. If you can assist with transporting other O2ers and their likes, contact Darren. Don't forget your helmets if you're biking.

CONTACT: Darren - 489 - 1339
Jeff - 439-9803
RATING : **"OOO"**
DEADLINE: August 16

The bond that links your true family is not of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's lives.
Rarely do members of one's family grow up under the same roof.
Richard Bach

CAMPING

O2 SPELUNKING / CAMPING WEEKEND

August 26 and 27

Never heard of spelunking? No? Well it's time you found out. Spelunking is better known as caving, and if you're an adventurous sort, this weekend is for you. We'll spend the better part of Saturday in Cadomin Caves near Hinton, and then camp for the rest of the weekend. Call well in advance to find out the details and what you'll need to go spelunking. Can't come for the entire weekend? Why not come just for Saturday.?

CONTACT: Jeff - 439-9803
COST: No charge for caving. Transportation and the camping weekend, including park fees if required, are your responsibility.
DEADLINE: August 20th.
RATING: **"OOO"**

O2 -CAMPING ETC. AT ETHERINGTON CREEK CAMP GROUNDS

July 22 and 23

Be ready for an awesome weekend at Etherington Creek in Kananaskis Provincial park. Mountain biking, hiking and swimming in a creek are possible activities this weekend. Call Blair for further information.

CONTACT: Blair - 454-1084
COST: Approx. $15/tent/day
DEADLINE: June 23
RATING: Hiking , - **"O"**
Biking , - **"OO"**

CRAFTS

Any thoughts for next time?

DANCES

PRIDE WEEK DANCE
at Bonnie Doon Hall
Sponsored by Womonspace and G.L.C.C.E.

Saturday, June 17
It's PRIDE WEEK, hence a Pride Dance. Girls, grab your girls and get on down!
CONTACT : G.L.C.C.E. - 488 - 3234
Womonspace - 437 - 5966
RATING : Open to all.

FOOD

Any thoughts for next time?

GAMES

Any thoughts for next time?

GARDENING

LIATRIS DEVONIAN BOTANIC GARDENS

Wednesday, June 21, 6 pm
This is an official PRIDE WEEK event. Meet ath the Devonian Botanic Gardens at 6:00 pm. Contact Wayne for costs and other details.
CONTACT : Wayne - 454 - 3482
RATING : Open to all.

LIATRIS PARKLAND PERENNIALS TOUR

Sunday, June 25
View early flowering Lilies on this tour .
CONTACT : Wayne - 454 - 3482
RATING : Open to all.

GARDENING

LIATRIS WAGNER NATURAL AREA WALK

Tuesday, July 6, 6 pm
Call Richard for info on the Wagner Bog and the walk planned there.
CONTACT : Richard - 454 - 2480
RATING : Open to all.

LIATRIS PARKLAND PERENNIALS TOUR

Monday, July 17
View Asiatic Lilies in bloom on this tour .
CONTACT : Brent - 497 - 7059
RATING : Open to all.

HIKING

Any thoughts for next time?

JUST FOR FUN

O2 RON'S AND DON'S "WE ARE FAMILY" PICNIC

Sunday, July 30, 2:00 pm
Are you ready for a nice, relaxing, easygoing Sunday? Well tough! Grab your favourite summer pumps and all your best toys because this ain't no "sittin' on your front porch sippin' mint juleps" kinda Sunday. We've got potato sack races, volleyball, drag races (don't ask) and lots more to keep you occupied. **HELP!...** We need people to bring the following items so we can do the drag obstacle course. If you can help, phone us and tell us what you can loan us: old wigs, large old women's dresses and shoes, old purses, and old, ugly bowling trophies (for prizes). See you there girls / boys / whatever!
CONTACT : Donovan - 488 - 1493
Ron - 488 - 8644
COST : Whatever you want to eat and drink
LOCATION: East End Victoria Park.
RATING: FUN, FUN, FUN!

SPORTS

O2 ROLLERBLADE WITH JOE & MITCH

-biweekly Monday starting May 1
(see calendar)
What a better way to feel like you're floating on clouds than on rollerblades (but make sure that you're wearing the proper equipment because some of those clouds are not as soft as they look!) Everyone is welcome. Come on down and spin your wheels.
CONTACT : Joe - 474 -7514
Mitch - 429-1505
RATING : Open to all.

LAMBDA TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Every Tuesday, starting July 4 until August 29, 1995
Join us for recreational tennis. Players should have basic skills (forehand, backhand, serve) and knowledge of the game. Group instruction/coaching may be arranged.
Equipment: tennis racquet and balls.
Location: to be determined.
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
CONTACT : Mitch - 429-1505
Greg - 425-2477
RATING : *"oo"*

NEWSLETTER THANK-YOU'S

Thanks to Ron, Sue, Billy, Ken, Donovan, Warren, Mark, Allan Brian, Jeff & Darren for their work on the first two *O2 newsletters.*

SPORTS

O2 EDMONTON FRONTRUNNERS

Sundays, 9:00 am sharp

Meet us each Sunday morning at S.E. steps of the Butterdome, changed and ready to run. The run through the river valley trails varies in length based on the desires of the members. Following we take the time to stretch and showers are available before heading to GRABBAJABBA (between 10:30 & 11:00) at Newton Place for socializing.

NOTE : if Sunday mornings at 9 is too early, you might be interested in establishing an alternate running time and being committed to meeting then, please contact us.

CONTACT : Jeff - 439 - 9803
Darren - 489 - 1339

RATING : Open to all.

O2 ORIENTEERING

JULY 15 - 17 Smokey Lake
JULY 19 Big Valley
JULY 22 - 23 Canmore

Now, we know you would never get lost shopping , but in the wildness, it's a little different. Call Rick for information on the Canadian Orienteering Festival.

CONTACT : Rick - 433 - 7212
COST: $10 / day / group
RATING : Open to all.

O2 RON'S AND DON'S BEACH VOLLEYBALL PARTIES

Sunday, July 16 & Sunday August 20, 1:45 - 5 pm

Fun! Sun! Fun! Sand! Fun!
Even if you've never played before don't worry it's very casual and a blast for all.

LOCATION: Sand Courts at 10943 - 84 Avenue.
CONTACT : Ron - 488 - 8644
Donovan - 488 - 1493
COST :$3 / person
CAPACITY : 45 people (no preregistration)
RATING : ***"O"***

(In case of rain phone Ron for Indoor location.)

THEATRE MUSIC

PRINCESS MOVIE NITES

Enjoy a night out with other Out and Outers at the Princess Theatre (10337 - 82 Ave..). The following three movies have been chosen because in one way or another, they all touch on our unique and common bond. We'll meet in the lobby 20 minutes before show time, or, if you're late, look for us in the balcony. Afterwards, we'll play Siskel and Ebert over coffee at Cafe La Gare (8104 103 St) and critique the movie or discuss anything else that comes up.

Thursday, July 13, 7:00 pm
"A MAN OF NO IMPORTANCE"

Albert Finney stars as Alfie, an eccentric Dublin bus conductor enamoured by the plays of Oscar Wilde. Life soon supersedes theatre, as Alfie's parallels with Wilde are more than script-deep. Great style and good-natured fun.

COST :Premiere: $5/ members; $7/ non-members

Monday, July 24, 7:00 pm
"THE PRIEST"

Assigned to a new parish, Father Greg finds himself in a confusing relationship with a gay lover while agonizing over the tearful confession of an abused child which he must conceal with his vow of silence.

COST : $3/ members; $5/ non-members

Monday, July 31, 7:00 pm
"SPIKE & MIKE'S 1995 FESTIVAL OF ANIMATION"

Includes "The Wrong Trousers" a lovely little claymation treat seen on PBS. Queer content may not be unknown, amusement is certain!

COST : Premiere:$5/ members; $7/ non-members

BIG SKY, CANADA'S CONCERT

August 5th - 7th

Wow! A weekend with Sarah McLachlan, Blue Rodeo, Ashley McIsaac, Celine Dion, Brian Adams, Jann Arden and more. Can you believe it? Join other O2ers at this once in a lifetime entertainment event. Organize your own ride, food and accommodations to High River at the Rocky Mountain Ranch. Call Warren for all details including camping information. Tickets available through BASS, 451-8000.

CONTACT: Warren, 497-8511
COST: Call BASS for specifics .
DEADLINE: Get your tickets A.S.A.P.!
RATING: Fun, Fun, Fun

EVM PRESENTS VOICES OF PRIDE

Saturday, June 24, 8:00 pm

An official Pride Week Event, this concert at Convocation Hall promises to be empowering and meaningful! Watch for upcoming details including ticket prices.

CONTACT : David - 454 - 6914
RATING : Open to all.

WALKING

O2 HUMPDAY RIVER VALLEY WALK

Wednesday, July 12 thru August 30 -10am sharp

Meet Jeff on the steps of the Kinsmen Fieldhouse at 10:00 a.m. sharp on Wednesday mornings and go for a brisk walk through Edmonton's river valley. After our walk, let's try out some of the local eateries for a light lunch. Length of walk and difficulty can be determined by O2 walkers just prior to departure. Come out - get Active!

CONTACT : Jeff, 439-9803
COST: Lunch, if you choose.
LOCATION: Kinsmen Fieldhouse, front step.
RATING : Open to all.

OOPS We apologize for any errors or omissions in this newsletter. Criticisims are welcomed. but must be submitted in wriiting with alternative suggestions.